GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL BY SRI LANKAN AIRLINES TO START AIR SERVICES FROM KERALA .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Airlines has proposed to start new air services connecting important cities of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of services are operating at present from cities of Kerala to Sri Lanka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): During the last round of bilateral air services negotiations in February, 2000, Sri Lankan Governmenthad requested for removal of existing restrictions on Sri Lankan Airline`s operations to Trivandrum. During the disussions, it was decided that the designated airlines of Sri Lanka would be allowed to operate a maximum 1050 seats/week to/from Trivandrum as against the then existing upper limit of 870 seats/week.

(c): Sri Lankan Airlines is presently operating 6 services/week between Colombo and Trivandrum. Indian Airlines operates twice weekly services on Trivandrum-Colombo-Trivandrum sector by using A-320 aircraft.